

REMARKS

By this amendment, various editorial amendments have been made to the specification and drawings. No new matter has been added.

In item 1 on page 2 of the Office Action, a Supplemental Reissue Declaration was required in order to overcome the rejection of claims 14 and 15 under 35 USC § 251. Accordingly, a Supplemental Reissue Declaration is submitted herewith covering all amendments made to date in the present application.

In view of the filing of the Supplemental Reissue Declaration, it is submitted that claims 14 and 15 are allowable. Thus, the application is apparently in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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